



History! Robert Lee Elementary School 6th grade students concluded their study of the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution with a living history museum. Interesting facts about the areas of study were presented by such historical characters as the colonists who participated in the Boston Tea Party and by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, and other notable characters from the colonial period. Jaclyn Broadbent (above photo) and Jimma Richardson participated in the Thomas Jefferson exhibit. The Boston Tea Party exhibit (top right photo) included Fernando Sosa, David Jowers, Trenton Smith, and Aden Burns. Cloe Minjarez, Kailey Freeman, and McKenzie Galicia worked with the George Washington exhibit.

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The 2018 statewide conference will give communities the ability to consider successful policy tools to help them in the context of regional economic development.

“The Texas Rural Challenge is key to assisting and helping our rural communities and that connectivity that we need to bring together, and I just want to emphasize that,” Salgado said. “I invite all the economic developers, rural communities, the resources, state and federal to come to this conference, and let’s share some of the things that we’re doing to grow our rural communities.”

The upcoming Texas Rural Challenge will be held at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

To register for the Texas Rural Challenge, visit texasruralchallenge.org.

DPS Warns of Dangers of Leaving Children in Vehicles

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is warning residents that warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed. Such negligence could lead to criminal charges. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

“Children are needlessly dying every year because they are left unattended in vehicles,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “The public can do their part by notifying emergency personnel if they witness a child alone or in distress inside a vehicle – regardless of the weather conditions.”

According to the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children. Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

Never leave your child unattended in the vehicle.

Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car, and emergency personnel will provide guidance.

Teach children not to play in vehicles, and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.

Always check the back seats or cargo areas of your vehicle before walking away.

Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child’s car seat.

If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. Many heatstroke deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.

For additional information on preventing child heatstroke in cars, please see the NHTSA website. (The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services also provides related information.)

Additionally, animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death – don’t put your pets in these life-threatening conditions.



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